

MRS. LOCKWOOD IN MARYLAND.

A CARROLL COUNTY JUDGE REFUSES TO ADMIT HER TO PRACTICE.

BALTIMORE, May 10.—Mrs. Belva Lockwood, the Washington female lawyer, yesterday applied for admission to the Bar of the Carroll County Court, at Westminster, Md. To-day Judge Hayden, presiding, denied her application for admission and reviewed the law of the State upon the subject. Mrs. Lockwood, in her argument for her admission yesterday, rested her case upon section 6 of article 59 of the Revised Code, which says that upon the application of any lawyer, who may have practiced or have been licensed to practice in any other State, District or Territory of the United States, for admission to practice in the courts of this State, it shall be the duty of the court to whom he shall apply to admit him upon the same terms that a citizen of Maryland would be admitted to the courts of the State, District, or Territory in which such applicant may have practiced. In this section the words "he" and "him" are used, and upon this point Mrs. Lockwood referred the court to rule 6 of the rules of interpretation of the Code, to the effect that "the masculine includes all genders, except where such construction would be absurd and unreasonable." Judge Hayden ruled adversely to her application, on the ground that it would be absurd in this section to make the pronouns he and him refer to any but the masculine gender. This decision created much comment, as Mrs. Lockwood has already been admitted to practice in the United States District Court at Baltimore and in the Circuit Court of Frederick County, in this State.